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SUBJECT: CONTINUED GDR HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES

SUMMARY: ON JULY 30 THERE WERE NINE INCIDENTS ON TRANSIT ROUTES, BRINGING TOTAL TO FIFTY SINCE HARASSMENT BEGAN JULY 26. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT RAIL TRAVELERS HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT FEA AFFILIATION. THREE POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS IN BERLIN CALLED TURN-BACK OF FEA EMPLOYEE NIGHT JULY 29 CLEAR VIOLATION OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT. CHIEF OF POLISH MILITARY MISSION INDICATED TO MINISTER THAT THERE MIGHT BE POLITICAL TIME LIMIT ON GDR HARASSMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JULY 30 THERE WERE NINE REPORTED HARASSMENT INCIDENTS ON TRANSIT ROUTES, BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTED
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CASES OF ANYONE HAVING BEEN TURNED BACK. THERE HAVE BEEN

50 REPORTED HARASSMENT INCIDENTS THROUGH JULY 30. THERE ARE ALSO PRESS REPORTS THAT RAIL TRAVELLERS HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT AFFILIATION WITH FEA.

2. BERLIN POLITICAL LEADERS CRITICIZED LATEST GDR ACTION JULY 30. MAYOR NEUBAUER (GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ IS ON VACATION) SAID JULY 30 THAT TURN-BACK OF FEA EMPLOYEE WAS CLEAR VIOLATION OF TRANSIT AGREEMENT AND SUPPORTED FRG CALL FOR SPECIAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING. CDU AND FDP LEADERS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS. BERLIN PRESS CONTINUES HEAVY COVERAGE AND CRITICAL EDITORIAL COMMENT.

3. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, JULY 31, LEVELLED BROADSIDE AT FRG ON ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ISSUE. ND CITED FRENCH, AUSTRIAN, FRG, CZECH AND POLISH PRESS COMMENTARIES THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA IN WEST BERLIN WAS ATTEMPT TO REVISE QA AND POISONED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. WITHOUT EXPLICIT TIE-IN TO FE, ADN BROUGHT UP REAR WITH SHORT ARTICLE MOCKING ACHIEVEMENTS OF RECENT GENSCHER VISIT TO US. ADN CLAIMED THAT "SOLE CONCRETE RESULT" WAS US DECISION TO DELAY ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH GDR ON WHICH TALKS HAD ALREADY BEEN CONCLUDED. ND ALSO CARRIED WHAT HAS BECOME CUSTOMARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENTENCING OF ALLEGED WEST BERLIN EXFILTRATOR, SUPPLEMENTED BY ARTICLE HEADLINED "FRG BRODER AUTHORITIES TOLERATE PROVOCATIONS AGAINST GDR STATE BORDER."

4. CHIEF OF WEST BERLIN POLISH MILITARY MISSION KOPA DISCUSSED GDR ACTIONS JULY 30 DURING COURTESY CALL ON US COMMANDANT AND MINISTER. KOPA SAID HE BELIEVED AFTER TALKING WITH SOVIETS THAT GDR HARASSMENT WAS DESIGNED TO SHOW EAST GERMAN CAPACITY TO FLEX MUSCLES AND REACT TO FRG MOVES. HE ALSO EXPECTED HARASSMENT TO END SOON. ACCORDING TO KOPA, NOW THAT CSCE IS MOVING INTO NEW PHASE, SOVIETS AND GDR WOULD NOT WISH TO HAVE CURRENT DISTURBANCE PERSIST. PERHAPS THIS LINE COULD BE TURNED AROUND IN OUR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS TO SERVE OUR PURPOSES IN BRINGING CURRENT HARASSMENT TO END.

5. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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